

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission**

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DECISION

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Annual HUSH Contract with Food Bank of Iowa

The Commission's approval is requested to enter into a one-year agreement with the Food Bank of Iowa to assist in the execution of the Department's Help Us Stop Hunger (HUSH) deer donation program. This will be the fifth year of this type of relationship with the Food Bank. The Food Bank is responsible for making all arrangements for venison pick-up from lockers and distribute that venison to Iowa's needy. Pursuant to the proposed agreement, the Food Bank of Iowa will make the payments directly to lockers for processing deer in a timely manner during the deer processing season, utilizing three large payments from the DNR. The Food Bank of Iowa will be making payments to possibly hundreds of lockers throughout the term of this contract.

The proposed agreement would conform to the DNR's proposed HUSH program rules, requiring the DNR to pay the Food Bank of Iowa to cover costs associated with processing the deer, plus \$5 per deer processed for the HUSH program to cover the Food Bank of Iowa's administrative costs, or approximately \$370,000. The amount is an estimate and may change depending on the processing costs at the meat lockers and the number of deer enrolled in the program. The contract will be for a term not to exceed one year.

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